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6	Rough draft of Clyde Womack, 1/22/2013.	
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9	VIDEOGRAPHER: This tape one in the	09:04
10	video deposition of Clyde Womack. Today is	09:05
11	Tuesday, January 22nd, 2013. We're now on	09:05
12	record at approximately 9:04 a.m. Will the	09:05
13	attorneys please introduce themselves for	09:05
14	the record.	09:05
15	MR. LEE: Randall Lee and Jessica	09:05
16	Kurzban from WilmerHale for defendants	09:05
17	Larry Goldstone and Clay Simmons. We're	09:05
18	joined on the phone today by Daniel Crump.	09:05
19	MR. MARKS: Jerry marks from Milbank	09:05
20	Tweed for Jane Starrett.	
21	MR. McKENNA: Steve McKenna on	09:05
22	behalf of the plaintiffs, Securities and	09:05
23	Exchange Commission.	09:05
24	MR. SALTER: George Salter from	09:05
25	Hogan Lovells. I'm joined by my colleague	09:05

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2	you know we can deal with this if it 05:36	2	management discussion and the analysis who is 05:37
3	becomes a problem, but we're not agreeing 05:36	3	responsibility are the statements made there? 05:37
4	to more than 7 hours. 05:36	4	A. The client. 05:37
5	MR. McKENNA: 05:36	5	Q. And as far as a decision to issue a 05:37
6	Q. Good afternoon Mr. Womack I know it 05:36	6	restatement ultimately, whose decision is that? 05:37
7	has been a long day so will try to keep this as 05:36	7	A. Well, it would be something that 05:37
8	brief and succinct as can 1? 05:36	8	would just be discussed is between the client 05:37
9	A. My name is Steve McKenna I represent 05:36	9	and the auditor and it would normally be the 05:37
10	the plaintiff the securitys and exchange 05:36	10	usually the client if they understood the 05:37
11	commission in this litigation. And I just want 05:36	11	situation would agree to the restatement decide 05:38
12	to start out by asking you a few questions in 05:36	12	that is what is appropriate, but the auditor 05:38
13	general about your audit experience of which 05:36	13	would always have that ability to hold that 05:38
14	you have had over 40 years; is that correct. 05:36	14	over them if they wouldn't if they didn't 05:38
15	A. 42 years. 05:36	15	restate it they would not issue their opinion. 05:38
16	Q. And in your experience, who is 05:36	16	Q. So, so the auditor can't actually 05:38
17	responsibility are the familiar statements in 05:36	17	force a restatement is that is that correct? 05:38
18	the Form 10-K? 05:37	18	A. Yes. 05:38
19	A. The client. 05:37	19	Q. All it can do is say that if you 05:38
20	Q. In the case of the company we're 05:37	20	don't restate, I will pull my audit opinion? 05:38
21	discussing been discussing today who would that 05:37	21	A. That's correct. 05:38
22	be? 05:37	22	Q. So ultimately is it the company that 05:38
23	A. Thornburg. 05:37	23	makings the decision of whether to restate or 05:38
24	Q. And how about the, the general 05:37	24	not? 05:38
25	statements in a Form 10-K for instance the 05:37	25	A. Well, I guess you could say 05:38
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2	ultimately it is the auditor that has the power 05:38	2	Q. And are they required to actually 05:39
3	over this the decision to restate but company 05:38	3	sign-off on the accuracy of those statements? 05:39
4	it is it the company, the company's financial 05:38	4	A. Well, they would do so by filing 05:39
5	statements so they, they would be, they would 05:38	5	being filing of the restatement. 05:40
6	be an agreement that that is what needs to be 05:39	6	Q. And I want to ask you to turn to the 05:40
7	done under normal circumstances. 05:39	7	margin calls that Thornburg received in the 05:40
8	Q. Who signs off on a restatement who 05:39	8	last 2 weeks of February of 2008. You 05:40
9	signs off on the accuracy of that document? 05:39	9	testified about those at some 11th today. Is 05:40
10	A. From the firm stand point or. 05:39	10	it your understanding that Thornburg was not 05:40
11	Q. Yes. 05:39	11	timely meeting those margin calls in the last 2 05:40
12	A. It would be the engagement team and 05:39	12	weeks of February, 2008? 05:40
13	then their procedures in place where we would 05:39	13	MR. SALTER: At what time period are 05:40
14	have to have the appropriate reviews in their 05:39	14	you asking about his knowledge? 05:40
15	department of professional practice to make 05:39	15	Q. As you sit here today? 05:40
16	sure that we've done all of the documentation 05:39	16	A. As I sit here today with information 05:40
17	and approvals that are necessary. 05:39	17	1 have now. 05:40
18	Q. And with the restatement is the 05:39	18	Q. Yes? 05:40
19	management of the company responsible for sign 05:39	19	A. Yes that is correct. 05:40
20	suggest off on the accuracy of the financial 05:39	20	Q. And if I were to represent to you 05:40
21 22	statements in that restatement? 05:39	21 22	that the fact that if you had been able to look 05:40
23	A. No, they're still their financial 05:39	23	at some of these reverse re purchase agreements 05:40
24	statements and yes, they, they have to continue 05:39 the ownership of their own financial 05:39	1	for margin calls that Thornburg was not 05:40
25	statements. 05:39	24 25	meeting, that the failure to meet those margin 05:40 calls when made or within 24 hours or shortly 05:40
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2	after that time period of when they were made 05:41	2	Q. And why would it be important to 05:41
3	gave the lender the right to declare an event 05:41	3	that? 05:42
4	of default and then immediately without any 05:41	4	A. Well, it is the basis for issuing of 05:42
5	further action sell the collateral that it held 05:41	5	a going concern opinion for the company. And 05:42
6	as security on its loans are you following me? 05:41	6	so this would be knowledge that we would want 05:42
7	A. Yes. 05:41	7	to know. 05:42
8	Q. Would that have been important for 05:41	8	Q. And if in fact the company had been 05:42
9	Thornburg's engagement's team to know in 05:41	9	late in meeting its margin calls and as 1 05:42
10	connection with its audit? 05:41	10	represented that gave the lender the right to 05:42
11	MR. LEE: Objection to form. 05:41	11	immediately declare an event of default and 05:42
12	A. Yes. 05:41	12	there after sell collateral to protect itself, 05:42
13	Q. Why? 05:41	13	would you expect Mto tell Thornburg or excuse 05:42
l 4	A. It would have a bearing on our final 05:41	14	me would you expect Thornburg management to 05:42
15	analysis of whether they had the ability to 05:41	15	tell KPMG about that circumstance? 05:42
16	honor their debt and it would continues as a 05:41	16	MR. LEE: Objection to form. 05:42
17	going concern and therefore it could trigger 05:41	17	A. Yes. 05:42
18	the other than temporary impairment issue. 05:41	18	Q. And in your experience in your 42 05:42
19	Q. So it could be important to your 05:41	19	years of experience how would you management to 05:42
20	other than temporary impairment analysis? 05:41	20	tell its outside auditor that type of 05:42
21	A. Yes. 05:41	21	information? 05:42 A. I would expect to get all the 05:42
22	Q. How about the analysis of whether 05:41	23	A. I would expect to get all the 05:42 information that they are aware of that they 05:42
23	the company had the intent and ability to holds 05:41 it assets? 05:41	24	would share with us especially in an area like 05:43
2 4 2 5	it assets? 05:41 A. Yes. 05:41	25	this where it is a critical situation that we 05:43
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2	would need to know everything that I know in 05:43	2	Q. You and spent extensive time 05:44
3	order for us to make our final decision as to 05:43	3	testifying earlier today about that three-page 05:44
4	the type of report we would issue. 05:43	4	document at pages 52 through 54 of 1 believe it 05:44
5	Q. And are you familiar with the down 05:43	5	is Exhibit 21 which had some information about 05:44
6	to date meeting? 05:43	6	the total amount of margin calls Thornburg had 05:44
7	A. Yes. 05:43	7	received leading up to the filing of the 10-K 05:44
8	Q. And can you tell us what that is? 05:43	8	do you recall that? 05:44
9	A. Well, it is an a discussion of 05:43	9	A. Yes. 05:44
10	subsequent events down to date of things that 05:43	10	Q. Do you consider that document if 05:44
11	have happened to the company it is normally if 05:43	11	provided to KPMG on February 27th to be 05:44
12	you would have that discussion with the CFO and 05:43	12	adequate disclosure of the company's failure to 05:44
13	the president top people and would be asking 05:43	13	meet margin calls in accordance with the terms 05:44
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14	questions about areas that such as you know, 05:43	14	of its repo agreements? 05:44
14 15	questions about areas that such as you know, 05:43 fulfillment of debt obligations or any issues 05:43	15	MR. LEE: Objection, form. 05:44
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